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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The month of September brought a close the traditional summer traffic patterns common to the Central Command. Even though there was a decline in traffic throughout the command overall activity showed a slight increase of .4% when compared to August. However, when compared to the same reporting period the previous year, overall activity increased substantially by 36.0%. When compared to the previous month notable increases occurred in two categories: D.U.I. arrests prior to crash of 23.1% and occupant restraint of 26.2%.

During September a 5.5% increase in the total number of crashes was noted when compared to August with 6 more crashes being investigated. Every crash category increased with those involving impaired drivers more than doubling, nine occurred in September as compared to four in August. This occurred despite and increase in the number of impaired drivers arrested prior to a crash. Crashes involving commercial vehicles also increased and accounted for 24.3% of the command total. Of the 28 commercial vehicle crashes, 15 or 53% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

The Commercial Vehicle Section showed a 25.3% decrease in total safety inspections which lead to a decline in the number of violations discovered, citations issued and vehicles placed out of service when compared to August. Despite these decreases, the total number of drivers placed out of service increased by 5.6% also when compared to August. Much of these declines are attributed to several commercial operation personnel working a special assignment for a week, along with leave, training and the loss of one position due to promotion.

Traffic personnel conducted 779 Level 2/3 inspections in September, finding 752 violations and placing 78 drivers out of service. This program continues to provide positive results in an all out effort to reduce the number of commercial vehicle crashes in the Central Command.

The Communication Center showed decreases of 4.5% in the number of radio transmissions, a 5.8% decrease in CAD incidents generated and a 10.5% decrease in telephone calls in September.

Despite the decrease in traffic flows and the increase in crashes, Central Command personnel performed well during the month of September and will strive to improve in those areas of concern.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-06		September-05	% Change		August-06	% Change
Total Crashes	115		125	-8.0%		109	5.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	77		78	-1.3%		76	1.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	33		44	-25.0%		29	13.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	5		3	66.7%		4	25.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	9		5	80.0%		4	125.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5		3	66.7%		7	-28.6%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		5	-80.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	28		25	12.0%		25	12.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	19		18	5.6%		18	5.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		7	14.3%		7	14.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes	4.3%
Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes	7.8%
Percentage of persons killed <i>without</i> seatbelts to total persons killed	60.0%
Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes	24.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ There were six additional crashes in September as compared to August for a 5.5% increase. However, this was 10 fewer than in September 2005. The six additional crashes were distributed in all three severity categories.
- ☒ There was one additional fatal crash in September as compared to August. Of the five persons killed in the 5 fatal crashes, 3 or 60%, were not wearing seat belts. This was despite a 26% increase in occupant restraint enforcement in September.
- ☒ Crashes involving impaired drivers more than doubled, nine in September as compared to 4 in August. This was despite an increase in the number of impaired drivers arrested prior to a crash. The average BAC for those drivers involved in crashes was .152.
- ☒ There were 3 additional crashes involving commercial vehicles in September as compared to August. Of the 28 crashes, 15 or 53% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. This is one of the lowest percentages of the commercial driver being at fault in quite some time. The fatal crash involving four commercial vehicles was the fault of a commercial vehicle driver. Two vehicles had slowed due to a dust storm and were struck by a commercial vehicle.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	September-06	September-05	% Change	August-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	9	5	80.0%	4	125.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	32	31	3.2%	26	23.1%
Other Arrests	167	136	22.8%	162	3.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	96	72	33.3%	87	10.3%
Speed violations	2622	1781	47.2%	2849	-8.0%
Hazardous moving violations	234	271	-13.7%	257	-8.9%
Occupant restraint violations *	400	283	41.3%	317	26.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	4491	3302	36.0%	4474	0.4%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	26	31	-16.1%	34	-23.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	11	23	-52.2%	12	-8.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	496	526	-5.7%	664	-25.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	75	180	-58.3%	132	-43.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	693	1119	-38.1%	1019	-32.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	25	59	-57.6%	50	-50.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	19	49	-61.2%	18	5.6%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	905	1588	-43.0%	681	32.9%
Total overweight citations	9	81	-88.9%	14	-35.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	482	470	2.6%	623	-22.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ☒ Overall enforcement activity increased slightly, 0.4% over that of August. There were 8% declines in speed and hazardous moving violations, but a 26% increase in occupant restraint violations.
- ☒ Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash increased by over 23%. The average BAC was .141.
- ☒ The number of commercial vehicles and their drivers inspected by commercial operations personnel declined by over 25%. This led to corresponding declines in the number of violations discovered and citations issued. The number of vehicles placed out of service dropped by half, but the number of drivers placed out of service increased by over 5%. Much of the decline is attributed to several commercial operations personnel working a special assignment for a week, along with leave, training and the loss of one position due to promotion.

- ☒ The number of vehicles weighed increased by 1/3. Despite the increase in the number of vehicles weighed, the number of violations discovered was 5 fewer. Of the 905 vehicles weighed, 61% were on the interstate while the remaining 39% occurred on Secondary roadways. The 324 vehicles weighed on secondary roadways were accomplished during 226 hours of directed enforcement.
- ☒ 160 of the 482 dyed fuel checks were done on secondary roadways during 179 hours of directed enforcement.
- ☒ Traffic operations personnel conducted 779 level 2 / 3 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. This is by far the most number of inspections conducted in a month. This is primarily due to the amount of strike force overtime worked. During the 779 inspections conducted, there were 752 violations discovered leading to 254 citations being issued and 78 drivers being placed out of service.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
September-06	779	254	752	78	643	0
September-05	302	149	544	36	220	0
% Change	157.9%	70.5%	38.2%	116.7%	192.3%	0.0%

September-06	779	254	752	78	643	0
August-06	633	231	690	74	497	0
% Change	23.1%	10.0%	9.0%	5.4%	29.4%	0.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September-06	September-05	% Change	August-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	89201	76,329	16.9%	93,414	-4.5%
CAD incidents	11991	10,161	18.0%	12,723	-5.8%
Telephone Calls	11702	11,674	0.2%	13,076	-10.5%
Call Box Incidents	26	10	160.0%	52	-50.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	68	123	-44.7%	105	-35.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	109	73	49.3%	72	51.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	21	26	-19.2%	24	-12.5%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	452	115	293.0%	338	33.7%
Warrants Entered	361	644	-43.9%	302	19.5%
Warrants Cleared	280	182	53.8%	511	-45.2%
Warrants Validated	2300	2276	1.1%	1873	22.8%
Extradition / Transports	14	7	100.0%	7	100.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	54	47	14.9%	35	54.3%
New Items Submitted	119	123	-3.3%	151	-21.2%
Items Disposed	500	584	-14.4%	167	199.4%

Contract Service overtime was 790 hours for 15 escorts totalling \$54,012.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- ☒ The Communication Center had declines in all areas; radio transmissions, CAD incidents generated and telephone calls. This was despite slight increases in crashes and enforcement activity.
- ☒ Front Office personnel had declines in the number of crash and officer reports, but an increase in the number of arrest reports processed.
- ☒ The Court / Warrant section had an increase in the number of warrants received which led to an increase in the number of warrants entered into the various systems. The number of warrants cleared declined by almost half while the number of warrants validated increased by over 22%.
- ☒ The evidence vaults has a 54% increase in the number of new cases submitted. Despite this increase, there was a 21% decline in the total number of new items submitted with the new cases.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ The Division participated in the Morroders Car Show in Elko on September 8th & 9th.
- ☒ A safety program was conducted for 24 students at Spring Creek High School.
- ☒ Division personnel participated in the training of emergency response for Barrick Gold mine.

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